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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the African Center for Community Empowerment upon the occasion of hosting its Girls and Young Women Pride Initiative

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the African Center for Community Empowerment upon the occasion of hosting its Girls and Young Women Pride Initiative on May 19, 2012, in St. Albans, Queens; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the African Center for Community Empowerment (ACCE) is to enable and develop at-risk inner-city youth to become wholesome, functioning and productive members of society; it is also to train and provide the tools necessary for low income teens and young adult parents to help themselves and their children by becoming responsible adults and better parents; and

WHEREAS, ACCE serves as a resource center for social, economic and cultural revival and empowerment for low income, inner-city communities; it also seeks to establish and support self-help projects, and mobilize minor relief assistance to war-torn communities in Africa with emphasis on the youth; and

WHEREAS, ACCE is working diligently on a prevention and counteractive initiative geared to build self-esteem in girls and young women; its aim is to prevent these individuals from entering the criminal justice system and to reduce the rate of female recidivism through effective programming and services; Providing Resources for Improvement Dignity and Empowerment (PRIDE) helps to support and encourage social skills,

healthy relationships, creative arts, mentoring, leadership, and job readiness, through educational enrichment; and

WHEREAS, The project is designed to guide and assist girls and young women to discover their individual identity and to become aware of their gifts, talents, and potential; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the African Center for Community Empowerment upon the occasion of hosting its Girls and Young Women Pride Initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the African Center for Community Empowerment.